

SPORTS AND SPORTMEN'S.

PROGRAMME OF SPORTS TO-DAY.

HOCKEY.—Berkeley School, against Drisler School, St. Nicholas Rink, S. p. m.

ATHLETICS—Troop 3, Squadron A, army, Ninety-fourth-st. and Madison-ave.

BASKET-BALL.—St. Luke's against St. Paul's, Glen Cove, evening.

BASEBALL.

THE ST. LOUIS CLUB'S FRANCHISE MAY BE FORFEITED.

PUNISHED FOR FAILURE TO PAY DUES AND FOR THE RELEASE OF PLAYERS—THE LEAGUE TO MEET TO-DAY—THE USUAL SECRETARY AND INNUENDOES.

The cardinals of the Fifth Avenue Hotel were thronged with the big and little fish of the baseball world yesterday, and the timid politicians will not have the cardinals to themselves for the next day or two. The scenes are the same at all League meetings. There are the sleek, well-dressed club-owner and the athletic-looking player and the numerous correspondents and local newspaper representatives.

The club-owners were late in arriving yesterday, and late in the afternoon the announcement was made that the regular meeting had been postponed until 11 a. m. to-day. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon the members of the National Board of Arbitration met in secret session, and at the conclusion of their deliberation they said that the club-owners had decided to throw the St. Louis Club out of the League. That club has been in litigation in St. Louis for a long time, and it is feared that the litigation will continue for some time to come. The club-owners are desirous of placing the Cleveland players and Frank de Haas Robison at St. Louis and the move made yesterday would seem to tend in that direction.

The Board of Arbitration makes the move without the idea that it is empowered to do so under its own constitution. Last year the St. Louis Club purchased the release of Sauer Sullivan from the Wilkes-Barre Club. It agreed to pay the Wilkes-Barre Club \$200 for the release of that player. This has never been paid, and the Board considers that the St. Louis Club has forfeited its rights. In taking such heretic methods it is the opinion of some that the League is establishing a precedent which may desire to use in future cases. It is notorious that some of the club-owners do not live up to the constitution of the League, and if St. Louis can be thrown out legally it will be an easy matter to handle other undesirable club-owners in the future. Van der Ahe, the old owner of the St. Louis Club was not present. Mr. Alcott of the Brooklyn Club, held his meetings. The New-York Club was again unrepresented. Mr. Soden, of the Boston Club, looking after the interests of the peculiarly managed New-York Club, R. S. Mackenfus, the receiver of the St. Louis Club was present, but he did not seem to get much satisfaction out of the findings of the day.

The Board of Arbitration is composed of A. H. Soden, of Boston; John T. Brush, of Cincinnati; James A. Hart, of Chicago; Frank de Haas Robison, of Cleveland; John I. Rogers, of Philadelphia, and N. E. Young, of Washington. The Board of Directors of the League held a session at the hotel last night, and the announcement was made that the directors had acquiesced in the findings of the Board of Arbitration. This would mean that Van der Ahe is on the defense to St. Louis and that Robison and his Cleveland players will be able to add to their new birth under rather favorable financial conditions. The resolution adopted by the Arbitration Committee was as follows:

Whereas the St. Louis Baseball Association failed to comply with the orders of this Board by paying to the Wilkes-Barre club the sum above mentioned, and whereas the St. Louis Club has not admitted before this Board and to its agent to the original agreement and has not paid the amount due, it is ordered that the club-owners who are involved under this agreement by six months from the date of this order, shall make payment to the St. Louis Baseball Association, No. 1427 Broadway, this city.

Rules summarized some of the contemplated changes in the rules. He said that the most important was the change in the method of appointment of the accountability of umpires, he believing that when umpires were held accountable for their mistakes after the game, especially the mistakes of non-enforcement, the players and their work would go to the line officials and less credit would accrue on the field. He thinks a large share of the disorders are due to the weakness and lack of firmness of the umpires, and players seem disengaged and indifferent, accordingly.

By the way regulation, he said, the president and secretary of the League will select the umpires in this way:

All applications will be made on blank forms, setting forth their qualifications, with the proper indentures. He said that the president will make out a list, to which his six umpires and 12, or 13, to 15, his assistant umpires, arranged according to merit, he being the judge of such respective claims to eminence. They will then put on a "waiting list," separated No. 1, 2, 3, etc., as many others as he thinks worthy a trial.

These names can be used as substitutes or to fill vacancies caused by the sudden removal of the regular umpire. He said that 10 per cent of a sum for security for the payment of fines that may be imposed on them. The supervisor of umpires will be elected by the president, who may be removed either by the League or Board of Directors for misfeasance in office or for other just cause. He shall supervise and inspect the work of the umpires and report to the secretary as to their efficiency and fitness.

The action of the Associated Cycling Clubs in favoring to endorse the Cycle Path bill framed by the League of American Wheelmen created considerable surprise in cycle circles yesterday. Prominent members of the League of American Wheelmen say that the delegates to the meeting did not give the subject the attention it deserves and that had they done so their action would have been a hearty support of the measure.

In speaking of the subject yesterday W. S. Bull, the secretary-treasurer of the New-York division of the League of American Wheelmen, said:

The provisions of the League of American Wheelmen State Park bill, introduced by Senator T. E. Edwards, have been mislabeled and consequently misunderstood. This bill was drawn pursuant to a resolution unanimously adopted by the members of the League of American Wheelmen, held in Rochester, December 15, 1898, and is based on the experience of the last two years in Monroe County, and the new State Park bill, on liberal lines; it permits any county to organize a commission to raise funds for building these paths but does not stamp it with the name of the League. It is designed to enable the side paths through country districts where the wagons are not fit for cycling, and to preserve such side paths from encroachment of heavy traffic by imposing severe penalty for such encroachment.

A touring cyclist who prefers to ride on the side path license will do without paying for a state path license and without fear of hindrance or delay, except such as the rate and mud of the wagonway may impose.

A touring cyclist who prefers to use side paths will obtain one license, which can be obtained from any county having a side path commission, and the license will enable him to ride on the side paths of any county in the State without interference.

The cost of a license to ride upon the cycle paths will not be more than \$1 in any case, and as low as \$500, except in the case of Monroe County, which is exempt from the provisions of the bill, and where the cost of a license is only 25 cents.

A cyclist resident in any county where a side path commission is organized will be required to obtain a license from the commissioners in his own county.

A touring cyclist residing in another State can obtain a side path commission in any county in the State, and may obtain a license from the commissioners of any county where such commission exists.

The whole intent of the bill is to provide smooth, pleasant, safe paths where touring cyclists can ride without fear of collision and without encountering the mud, dust, sand and water which are often found in the waggonways of the State.

At the suggestion of the Ellsworth bill, the commissioners of the bill will not do so at the expense of other cyclists who contribute the most to maintaining and maintaining the paths. In other words, the bill will not provide paths for all and to the detriment of the expense of these benefits evenly among those cyclists by whom they are enjoyed.

The license fee established by the provisions of the bill is in no way increased by the Ellsworth bill. The riders and drivers of other vehicles are excluded from the use of these side paths and for this reason are not even permitted to use a license.

Special laws provided for with full commissions to the commissioners are now on our statute books, and these laws in effect will require a cyclist using the paths in these counties to obtain several licenses unless the Ellsworth bill should become a law.

With the St. Louis club and its present management expelled, all would be plain sailing for the proposal transfer of the Cleveland club to St. Louis.

THE RACETRACK.

STAKE RACES AT SARATOGA.

A number of valuable stake races will be run at the meeting to be held at the Saratoga track. Some of the principal races are the Saratoga Grand Prize, with a guaranteed value of \$50,000, and the Chirico and Merchants' of the same value.

Entries for the stake races arranged for the meeting will be closed to-day. Nominations should be sent to B. A. Clifton, secretary of the Saratoga Association, No. 1427 Broadway, this city.

UNITED STEEL INTERESTS.

Entries for the following stake races to be run at the spring meeting to be held at the Aqueduct track of the Queens County Jockey Club will close to-day:

FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARD.—The owner, \$100 added, weight to be announced. Male, \$100 added, weight to be announced. Female, \$100 added, weight to be announced.

FOR TWO-YEAR-OLD FILLIES.—The owner, \$100 added, to carry 112 pounds; penalities, \$100 added.

The owner, \$100 added, weight five pounds below the scale allowances, and a half farthing to the pound, while \$100 added. Four and a half furlongs.

The jockey, \$100 added. Five furlongs.

The club announces that in making up the programme for the meeting the stakes will be so arranged as to give owners an opportunity to run without sacrifice of interest.

Resolved, That the St. Louis Baseball Association be cited to appear before this Board and to answer to the charges of the organization and to its agent, the St. Louis club, and that the club be suspended from the league in the case of the claim of the Wilkes-Barre Club for compensation for the release of Sauer Sullivan.

Whereas the St. Louis Baseball Association has failed to comply with the orders of this Board by paying to the Wilkes-Barre club the sum above mentioned, and whereas the St. Louis club has not admitted before this Board and to its agent to the original agreement and has not paid the amount due, it is ordered that the club-owners who are involved under this agreement by six months from the date of this order, shall make payment to the St. Louis Baseball Association, No. 1427 Broadway, this city.

Resolved, That the St. Louis Baseball Association be suspended from the interests under the National Agreement for failing to comply with the orders of this Board, and that they are so suspended from the league in the case of the claim of the Wilkes-Barre Club for compensation for the release of Sauer Sullivan.

Of course, if there was nothing but the payment of the money at stake, this amount would not stand in the way for a minute, for the money could be paid by either Mackenfus or Robison. What the outcome will be is awaited with interest, at least by the followers of the game in St. Louis and Cleveland.

It is said that President Young has come to the meeting with two schedules made out, one calling for twelve clubs and the other for ten clubs. The club-owners say that the circuit will remain twelve clubs, but admit that a ten-club circuit is a possibility. The championship season will begin on April 15, and it is said that the opening games will be arranged about like this: Boston in Brooklyn, New York in Baltimore, Pittsburgh in St. Louis, Cleveland in Cincinnati, Washington in Philadelphia and Chicago in Louisville. For the Decoration Day games the teams may be distributed about like this: Cincinnati in New-York, St. Louis in Brooklyn, Boston in Pittsburgh, Baltimore in Chicago, Cleveland in Boston and Louisville in Philadelphia.

There was a squabble between Manager Hanlon, of the Baltimore team, and Kelley, the player, in the course of the day. Kelley said that he would not sign with the Brooklyn team, because less salary had been offered to him than he received at Baltimore last year. Manager Hanlon denied this. He said that Kelley had received \$2,400 for playing at Baltimore last season and an extra \$300 for acting as captain of the team. He had offered him a contract for the coming season for \$2,400 which, he said, was more than three times the maximum salary limit. One of the cardinals said that his team had signed rather easily, and that he was ashamed to mention the amount of money the team was expected to play for this year. The New-York team will not start for the South until March 14, a week later than was expected.

John L. Rogers, chairman of the Committee on

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MANHATTAN CRICKET CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Manhattan Cricket Club was held at the Hotel Brandon, Brooklyn, on Monday night. David A. Munro occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of members. After the transaction of detail business, the following officers were elected: President, F. W. Lovett, first vice-president, C. H. Pepper; second vice-president, Samuel E. Horford; secretary, A. J. Tracy; No. 27 Chamberlain, New-York; treasurer, W. H. Tattersall; captain, F. J. Fremdberg; vice-captain, S. E. Horford; vice-captain, H. M. Gandy; captain-junior, A. G. Smither; vice-captain, H. Tattersall; F. A. Stade and C. S. Moore; auditors, Jerome Flannery, S. L. Rosoff and C. Palmer; delegates to the Metropolitan District Cricket League, Frank Flannery, Flannery, Flannery and New-York Cricket Association, A. G. Gandy, Jerome Flannery and W. Fenwick.

The treasurer reported a substantial balance on hand, the part of the club's expenses accounted for the purpose, reported that it had a large budget in a large tent, and had it already paid for by private subscription. An informal manner the meeting passed its vote of confidence to the president, and the general resolution was carried to the adoption of the Tattersall Cup as the trophy to be awarded to the club to membership in the league, and advised his delegates to vote that way.

CRICKET.

SALE OF BAKING POWDER INTERESTS.

It was reported yesterday on good authority, that the interests of the Royal Baking Powder Company, the New-York Baking Powder Company and the Cleveland Baking Powder Company have been sold to William Ziegler for between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

It is learned that representatives of the several baking powder companies have been in conference at the offices of the New-York Baking Powder Company, and that a combination is being planned.

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